

G-008/M-88-255ACCEPTING REPORTS, APPROVING PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS, AND
APPROVING EXTENSION OF OPERATION INSULATION PROJECT

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Implementation of an
Energy Conservation Program for
Minnegasco, Inc.

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ORDER ACCEPTING REPORTS,
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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On December 30, 1988 Minnegasco, Inc. (Minnegasco or the Company) filed the following materials: (1) status reports required under Orders issued in this docket on September 19, 1988 and December 12, 1988; (2) proposed promotional materials to be used in publicizing its New Construction Rebate Project; (3) a Research and Testing Report prepared by the Energy Office of the City of Minneapolis entitled "Multifamily Baseline Study--Part 2: Gas End Use Characterization"; and (4) a request to extend its Operation Insulation Project into first and second ring suburbs. The Company subsequently made a minor revision in the promotional materials in response to staff comments.

The Department of Public Service examined the filing and recommended acceptance of the reports and approval of the request to expand Operation Insulation.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission finds that the status reports comply with the requirements of the Orders and should be accepted. The projects are proceeding as anticipated, and no Commission action is required.

The revised promotional materials regarding the New Construction Rebate Project are accurate, informative, and will be approved.

The study completed by the Energy Office of the City of Minneapolis is a helpful inquiry into usage patterns in multifamily dwellings and provides a solid foundation for further investigation and analysis of this complex topic. It will be accepted.

The Company's proposal to expand Operation Insulation into the first and second ring suburbs is a good one, assuming the Company receives the support it expects from the targeted communities. This project has successfully provided conservation services to several thousand Minneapolis households. Expanding it to include previously unserved suburban customers is consistent with the Company's CIP program and statutory goals. It will be approved.

ORDER

1. The status reports required under Commission Orders of September 19, 1988 and December 30, 1988 are accepted.
2. The revised promotional materials for the Company's New Construction Rebate Project are approved.
3. The Research and Testing Report entitled "Multifamily Baseline Study--Part 2: Gas End Use Characterization" is accepted.
4. The Company's proposal to expand the Operation Insulation Project into first and second ring suburbs is approved.
5. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Mary Ellen Hennen
Executive Secretary

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